

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3345–3355; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 680–681 were introduced. **Pages H8872–73**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8873**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 3221, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–232). **Page H8872**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8811**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8813**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Veterans' Insurance and Health Care Improvements Act of 2009: H.R. 3219, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to insurance and health care; **Pages H8813–18**

Veterans Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations Enhancement Act of 2009: H.R. 2770, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and update provisions of law relating to nonprofit research and education corporations; **Pages H8819–22**

Caregiver Assistance and Resource Enhancement Act: H.R. 3155, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain caregivers of veterans with training, support, and medical care; **Pages H8822–25**

Recognizing the importance of park and recreation facilities and expressing support for the designation of the month of July as "National Park and Recreation Month": H. Res. 288, to recognize the importance of park and recreation facilities and to express support for the designation of the month of July as "National Park and Recreation Month"; **Pages H8825–26**

Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009: H.R. 1376, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 308 ayes to 74 noes, Roll No. 648; **Pages H8826–29, H8846–47**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes." **Page H8847**

Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009: H.R. 1121, amended, to authorize a land exchange to acquire

lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 377 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 649; and **Pages H8829–30, H8847–48**

Recognizing and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the entry of Hawaii into the Union as the 50th State: H. Res. 593, amended, to recognize and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the entry of Hawaii into the Union as the 50th State, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 378 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 647. **Pages H8839–42, H8846**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:16 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H8846**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant Increase Act of 2009: H.R. 1293, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services; **Pages H8818–19**

Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act: H.R. 556, amended, to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter; **Pages H8830–31**

Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2009: H.R. 509, amended, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004; **Pages H8831–32**

Congratulating the Louisiana State University baseball team for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series: H. Res. 616, to congratulate the Louisiana State University baseball team for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I College World Series; **Pages H8832–34**

Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009: H.R. 1035, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall; **Pages H8834–36**

Recognizing the service, sacrifice, honor, and professionalism of the Noncommissioned Officers of the United States Army: H.J. Res. 44, to recognize the service, sacrifice, honor, and professionalism of the Noncommissioned Officers of the United States Army; **Pages H8836–39**

Expressing support for designation of the month of September as "National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month": H. Res. 373, to express support for

designation of the month of September as “National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month”; **Pages H8842–43**

Coach Jodie Bailey Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3072, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9810 Halls Ferry Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Coach Jodie Bailey Post Office Building”; and

Pages H8843–44

Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day: H. Res. 483, to support the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day.

Pages H8844–45

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8846, H8846–47, H8847–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 743, Executive Accountability Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Jones; Louis Fisher, Specialist in Constitutional Law, Law Library, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

POST-KATRINA—BUREAUCRACY REFORM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Post-Katrina: What it Takes to Cut Bureaucracy and Assure a More Rapid Response After a Catastrophic Disaster. Testimony was heard from Representative Loebbeck; Craig Fugate, Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Francis X. McCarthy, Federalism, Federal Elections and Emergency Management Section, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Deborah Matz, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit

Union Administration Board; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine regulatory modernization, focusing on insurance, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine national hurricane research, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Anthony Marion Babauta, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary, and Jonathan B. Jarvis, of California, to be Director, National Park Service, both of the Department of the Interior, James J. Markowsky, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and Warren F. Miller, Jr., of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and to be Director of the Office of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, both of the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael H. Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Mark Henry Gitenstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Romania, Ertharin Cousin, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as a Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, David Killion, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, Karen Kornbluh, of New York, to be Representative to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, and Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Arturo A. Valenzuela, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Thomas Alfred Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Charles Aaron Ray, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Earl Michael Irving, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, Pamela Jo Howell Slutz, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Jerry P. Lanier, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Samuel Louis Kaplan, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, James B. Smith, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Miguel Humberto Diaz, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, Fay Hartog-Levin, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Stephen J. Rapp, of Iowa, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, and Donald Henry Gips, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of William Carlton Eacho III, of Maryland,